

**ATTENTION PRIOR LAKE RESIDENTS  
LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS  
TO BEGIN EFFECTIVE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**“REMEMBER CHANGES OF SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS”**

On September 17, 2007, the Prior Lake City Council amended Ordinance No. 107-16, Section 704, Subsection 704.1500 related to City Water Works System. This amendment provided for changes to the hours, time of day, uses of water, and penalties related to lawn watering restrictions. Listed below are the changes related to lawn watering restrictions:

**Odd-Even Sprinkling Restrictions:**

- Expanded restriction hours from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. -to 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., thus an expanded non-sprinkling range of one hour.
- Expanded restriction months from May 1 through September 1 to May 1 through October 1, thus an added month for restrictions.

**The following items are exempt from odd-even and day time watering restrictions:**

- Hand held hose watering of vegetable/flower gardens, flower pots, hanging baskets, car washing and general use of power washers.
- City athletic complexes; Ponds Park, Ryan Park, and Lakefront Park.
- Landscaping, including newly seeded or laid sod, with in the first thirty (30) days of placement with the application and inspection of watering permit. (Permits may be obtained on line.)
- Private well for irrigation.
- Residents pumping from the Lake.

**Municipal water customers who violate this ordinance are subject to the new increases of warnings or fines:**

- First offense; Warning.
- Second offense; \$50.00
- Third offense; \$100.00
- Each subsequent offense fine shall double (\$200.00, \$400.00, \$800.00) for the same property owner within the same calendar year. The fine shall be added to the offender’s next water bill.

## LAWN SPRINKLING REGULATIONS

All irrigation and non-essential outdoor use of the Municipal Water System is restricted to an odd-even system in conjunction with a 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily ban effective May 1 through October 1.

Residents with house addresses with the last digit being even (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) may water lawns by hose or irrigation before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. only on even numbered calendar days.

Residents with house addresses with the last digit being odd (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water lawn by hose or irrigation before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m. only on odd numbered calendar days.

***If you utilize a lawn or irrigation contractor it is important that you provide this information to them to prevent warnings or violations of the sprinkling ordinance.***

More information is available on the City of Prior Lake website at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com) under the Fast Find section at Water Restrictions, or you may call Public Works at 952.447.9830.

### **Permit Requirements:**

Exceptions are made for landscaping, including newly seeded or sod placed, within the first thirty (30) days of placement. To qualify for this exception you must complete the sprinkling permit form. Then an inspection will be completed by City Maintenance personnel. You will then be notified by someone from the Maintenance Center of the approval of your application. These forms are available by clicking on the highlighted portion of this paragraph or by contacting Public Works at 952.447.9830. Private wells are exempt from these restrictions.

### **Delay filling pools until after the third week of May!**

If you have a swimming pool, you could save a few dollars on your summer utility bills by waiting until after the third week of May to fill it and take your first plunge of the season. Summer utility bills have a sewer rate cap, in which the sewer charge is applied to a maximum of 150 percent of the average of your winter billings. In other words, if your average use consists of 20,000 gallons, your cap for the sewer charge would be 30,000 gallons. All water used in excess of this amount would be charged at the rate, but would not be charged at the sewer rate. The June 1 water and sewer bill is the last billing cycle that contributes to this average calculation. Therefore using water before the third week of May to fill a pool inflates the usage and pushes the average higher, negatively impacting summer utility bills. For more information contact the Utility Billing Department by phone at 952.447.9843 or 952.447.9844 or by email at [utilitybilling@cityofpriorlake.com](mailto:utilitybilling@cityofpriorlake.com).

**REMINDER, UTILITY BILLING IS NOW LOCATED AT CITY HALL AT 4646 DAKOTA STREET S.E.**